

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves, similar to Sinclair.

Pappas and others use the public airwaves free of charge and are obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

I have stopped watching all cable-TV news outside of some PBS shows and Comedy Central, and have stopped listening to talk radio aside from Air America. Thanks to the FCC's deregulation and continued allowance for larger and larger consolodations, our media is more than ever becoming a function of what Disney, GE, and other giants want us to hear. The FCC needs to start taking on these outrageous events that are eroding our airwaves!

Please investigate Pappas for this nonpartisan behavior!

Sincerely,  
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